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THE TORCH APPLIED TO MATTEAWAN ASYLUM

A Mad Prisoner Imperils the Lives of Hundreds of Convicts.

Stricken Maniacs, Who Are Driven to Safety.

Story of the Fire the Most Remarkable in the World's Criminal Insane History.

PATIENTS COWED WITH REVOLVERS.

Was Only the Heroic Work of Officers That Prevented Great Loss of Life.

Newburg, N. Y., Jan. 24.-Fire started by wan this afternoon, and caused the great-Fishkill, but throughout Dutchess County,

were started by a convict named C. F. with their axes. and a force of fifty armed men stood auditorium, as it is called. guard over the desperate people in their This extinguished fire was next discov-

similar event has ever before occurred.

in '93, and was one of the best disposed the ground. patients in the hospital. After he had been When Fireman Scott rushed into the Galbis are pursuing Gomez. there a year he would run away in fright room he saw Mitchell seated on the ceat the sight of a burning match or a con- ment floor, clasping his knees and laugh- tain a wall between the two great diflagration of any kind, and it was sup- ing bolsterously. Not three feet away, posed that he had recovered from his on the top of a barrel, was a bundle of them separately. What counter move the mania. As he was rational in all other straw whisps, burning. Scott kicked over rebel leaders will make to meet this situaways, he was given liberty enjoyed by few the barrel, stamped upon the burning straw tion can only be sarmised. other patients, and was allowed to roam and then, grasping Mitchell by the shoulabout the basement and cellars.

THE MONTICELLO MURDERESS. It was at 4:45 that the fire was discoved. Then smoke began to fill the halls and Mrs. Halliday, the Monticello murderess, raised the alarm. She was in the laundry at the time, and, noticing the smoke, she ran past the guard at the door, up the the laundry, including Quimbo Appo, the Mott street murderer, and father of George Appo, the Lexow green-goods witness, dropped their work and followed Mrs. Hailiday into the hall. The guard at the laundry door could not stop the mad rush the big alarm bell, and then drew his recharge of a keeper.

been sent from the superintendent's office. Sliney in his efforts. In the infirmary were thirty-eight men excitement. convicts were under the eye of the guards leave the building until 10 o'clock. Dr. Allison gave the order to extinguish MADE A BONFIRE OF BONDS. the electric lights, and in a moment more the entire building was in darkness.

PANDEMONIUM BROKE LOOSE it was soon known to the officers of the terns passed among them they looked up Chaffey claimed that he burned them. into the faces of their keepers and held

out their hands imploringly. A - ()-5 Twenty minutes after the fire was distrews, arrived at the asylum. Then pandefiremen and the puffing of the engines

of the guards appealed to their insane of the guards appealed to their insane cunning. Nothing, however, could still their cries nor allow their exceptances and their cries nor allay their excitement, and for ten minutes, in all of the rooms in which they were confined, they danced and cavorted within the narrow confines prescribed by the anxious guards.

Superintendent Allison, pale-faced but The Spanish Establish a calm, glanced into each room and noted the condition of affairs. In his hand he carried a bull's-eye lantern, and his assistant, Dr. Lamb, carried a barn-yard lantern in his left hand and a revolver in his Wild Panic Among the Terror- right. It was evident to both that if the Another Attempt to Reconstruct counds of the firemen in the basement did not soon cease that nothing short of wholesale murder could prevent a mad outbreak on the part of the terrorized patients.

"PUT OUT YOUR LANTERNS." "Put out your lanterns! Talk to them! Sing songs to them!" shouted the Doctor, dashing frantically from room to room. In the meantime De Lamb, obeying the in- PANDO RETURNS TO SANTIAGO. structions of his superior, had hastened to The Blaze Started by a Pyromaniac, and it the basement, where the rural firemen were He Will at Once Resume Command in

"Not a word, on your lives!" he shouted and the alarm in his voice told the firemen that the situation was desperate. "Now, boys," be called out again, "put out the fire a madman was discovered in the State quickly and quietly. Don't speak unless you Hospital for the Convict Insane at Matteo- have to. There's pandemonium upstairs." Then ensued a remarkable scene. Grop-

est excitement, not only in Matteawan and ing about a basement filled with thick Havana to Batabano cuts the rebel forces lauterns, for the electric lights had been its utmost strength. The railroad is now and even across the Hudson River into turned off, went a score of country volun- being cleared. It is planned in this way to them and hacking away in the darkness island.

They soon conquered the original blaze, which was under the dining room, but very quickly. nent from Onelda County in which, by the cunning of Mitchell, had at This is the fifth time such a line has once communicated to the rafters and cell. been drawn, but neither the Trocha line His crime was arson, in which logs. No sooner had they done this than nor the others have proven bulkheads two lives were lost. It was only because the cry of "Fire!" was raised by some of against the flood of the revolution, though of the excellent discipline which is main. their fellows who were at the north wing they were every so strong. This line from tained in the asylum that the fire was un- of the building, under the infirmary. There, Havana to Batabano is only thirty miles attended by fatality. The moment the too, was a blaze identical in character with long, and has probably 20,000 men availasmoke began to fill the coridors the 539 that which had gained such headway bepatients in the asylum were driven into fore they arrived. This was quickly extinvarious wards and corridors like sheep in guished, but before the hose was lowered shambles; the lights were extinguished, fire was discovered under the theatre, or Neither of the leaders is attempting to

ered under the kitchen, and at the same pected. The story of this configgration is unique moment flames broke out in the basement in the criminal insane history of the world. beneath the superintendent's office. It was Dr. Ailison, the superintendent, says no here that the author of the crime was has met Maceo. Meanwhile he has Genfound. This basement is lighted by four erals Luque and Navarro, with strong col-Mirchell was received at the insultation small windaws, which are on a level with

ders, pulled him to his feet.

"Did you do all this?" he shouted.

"Ha, Ha," laughed the insane man in reply. "I guess I know what I'm about," Scott had a fire-axe in his hand. Clutchled him, unresisting and still laughing,

DID IT AND WAS PROUD OF IT. The Doctor took Mitchell by the arm.

"Did you do this?" he said sternir. "Yes, sir," responded Mitchell proudly.

volver from his pocket and fired several In the meantime the excitement had stop for food or rest. somewhat died out, and one by one the This sort of fighting has been in rule The tolling of the bell and the reports of convicts were led into their cells. "Mickey" the pistol were unnecessary, however, for Sliney, the murdered of Boy Lyons, the already the dense smoke had permeated Cherry Hill butcher, called out: "It's all every room in the building, and the gen- right, boys, No danger," and Geoghan, eral alarm, calling in all the guards, had whose death sentence was commuted, aided is supposed, to resume the command of

In three minutes fifty men, armed with George Frank, alias "Frenchy," the murrifles and revolvers, were in the corridors, derer of "Old Shakespeare," was locked in way Company has suffered considerable dedriving men and women before them into the laundry and was very calm, and Oliver struction at the hands of the rebels. A all the largest apartments. None were put Curtis Perry, the train robber, who is now magnificent from bridge over the Taco Taco

and four women confined in bed. Six fe. No one was harmed, Mrs. Goodrich, the were burned. At Puerta de Golpe and Paments of the greatest excitement, soothing infirmary in a dead faint when the lights Dogame they fired telegraph stations. At tenant Sarte and seven soldiers wounded. advanced toward San Jose he raided the the frightened patients. When all of the were turned on. The firemen did not San Cristobal, Pasa Real, Hernandez, Con-

Mrs Chaffey Tells the Boston Police She

Destroyed \$150,000 in Securities. institution that the fire was confined to at the late residence of James S. Chaffey. tion of Jovellaros. the basement, so lanterns were brought to who is now in State prison for receiving the guards in the various apartments and stolen goods-No. 31 Mount Vernon street, the doors closed, in order that the smoke West Roxbury, armed with a search warand sound might not add to the terror rant, which empowered them to look for The volunteers captured the horses and the German warships in the harbor, are of the unfortunates. None of them, how about \$150,000 worth of bonds which Chaffey accountrements of the rebels under Carever, were inclined to be violent. In. is supposed to have had in his possession. stead, men and women huddled together They did not find the bonds, and Mrs. Chafin corners, and as the guards with their fey's arrest. This is probably true, although

The police, however, recovered a double barrelled shotgun, estimated to be worth \$300, and a lot of silverware, paintings and covered a hose carriage from Fishkill and uable, Mrs. William Barrett yesterday visit. bronzes. Many of the articles are very valan engine from Matteawan, with their ed Mrs. Chaffey with her lawyer and a Spaniards' loss was three volunteers Guines, in the direction of Chimborazo, His sheriff, and under a writ of replevin secured monium broke loose. The shouts of the a large portion of the property that has been in Chaffey's possession for a long time alarmed the patients greatly. They shouted fey, however, did not surrender everything and danced about, but the levelled weapons and the visit to-day was the result.

Dead Line Along the Batabano Railroad.

the Telegraph Line Across the Island.

Rebels Are Reported to Have Lost Heavily in the Recent Skirmishes.

That Province-The New War Tax Planned Is a Case of Drawing Blood from Stone.

By Charles Michelson

Havana, Jan. 24.—The Spanish line is still keeping Gomez and Maceo apart. The troops' action along the railroad from smoke, guided only by the dim rays of fire in half, and that line is being kept up to teer firemen, dragging their hose after reconstruct the telegraph clear across the

Working with these facilities, the Spanish can mass troops to any threatened point

Gomez is hovering about the east side of this line, moving now north, now south. pass into Pinur del Rio, nor are they rush-

It is evident that an obstacle to his plans more serious than he has been accustomed name, to contend with in the west, while Generals Linares and Aldecoa and Colonel

Evidently the Spanish propose to mainvisions of the rebel army and to deal with

those of Serafin Sanchez and Jose Meco, are hurrying to support Gomes, as they have him reported further west than they

To understand the significance of these ing it firmly in his left hand, he put his skirmishes you must keep in mind the right arm about the convict's waist and position of the strong Spanish line across the island with Gomez in the East and stairs, and shricked, "Fire!" Immediately through the smoke and out into the ground. Macco in the West, with strong forces against them. The rebels being presumably anxious to reunite Linaries and Aldecora yesterday, got after Gomez, whose camp fires they saw a league from Flor de Mayo. For twelve hours the Spaniards followed close on the retreating rebels, who left be-"And I'm the only man here who could have hind them horses and accourrements. The this he would not do. Barring the way as done it. Isn't that right, Doctor?" He was well as possible, he reached out and rang taken into the Doctor's office and placed in continually. Prfesently Colonel Galbria joined in the pursuit. The soldiers didu't

> since the present condition started. Quite a number of rebels fell, but the Spanish only had a few wounded.

Santiago de Cuba.

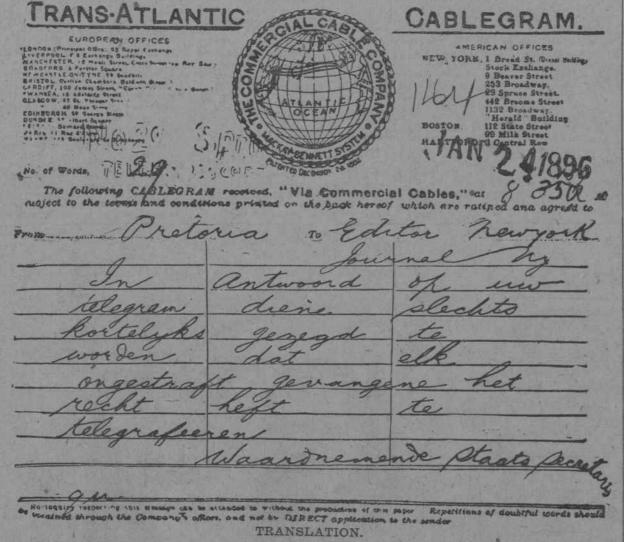
Tibin, between Herradura and Paso Real, January. solacion and Aras they destroyed many

freight cars. It is rumored that a large party of rebels under the command of Jose Maceo were on the 21st inst., camped at the plantation Boston, Jan. 24.—The police to-day called Aurora in the San Jose district, jurisdic-

> Twenty-five volunteers had a skirmish with twenty-five rebels under Fructosk Miranda, who was killed near Cangrejos. denas Savedra Delgada in great number raided the town of Sabanilla, defended by seventeen of the civil guard and a few and the Diplomatic Corps paid their revolunteers. After some heavy firing the spects.

STATUS OF THE AMERICAN PRISONERS.

CUT IN TWAIN. Messages to the Journal from the Boer Secretary of State and from One of Hammond's Companions.



Editor New York Journal:

In answer to your telegra m it is only necessary to say, briefly, that every UNPUNISHED Barth, so the latter tells me, ing back to Puerto Principe, as was ex- prisoner has the privilege to telegra ph. ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE.

The significance of this telegram in answer to the Journal's inquiry lies in the word "ongestraft" (unpunished). It is probable that Mr. Hammond is being more severely dealt with than the the Reichstag a properal for a form other prisoners, and that he is refused the privilege of communicating with his friends. That this restriction is not applied to the others is evident from the following cablegram from Mr. Joseph Story Curtis, which, although dated Jan uary 23, was probably written a day earlier. It has evidently been subjected to the scrutiny of the Boer censorship.

MR. QURTIS CABLES THAT THE PRISONERS ARE WELL TREATED.

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Pretoria, Jan. 23.

Editor Journal, New York:

Besides Hammond the American prisoners are Captain Mein, General Pando to-day left Havana, it formerly Superintendent Alaska Treadwell Mine, now manager of the Robinson; Charles Butters, manager Rand Reduction Works; J. King, of allty now solling what was once regarded The western division of the Havana Rall. the firm of Neuman, and J. S. Curtis.

The prisoners are well treated by Boer Government, but feel they are unjustifiably confined. Steps for their relief can only be agers are constantly importing from into cells; there was no time for that, blind, is said to have slept through all the has been partially destroyed. Bridges at taken after preliminary examination, expected to take place end

If Spain insists upon the new war tax she simply will try to draw blood out of NO LAW FITS JAMESON'S CASE. stone. She certainly cannot be dealed the A Special Commission May Be Appointed legal right of seizing, auctioning or leasing property for taxes due, but in the present crisis there will be no buyers or

To-day being the birthday of the infant King of Spain, forts and ships, including be either civiliy or criminally tried. banging salutes all day.

A reception was given by Governor Marin, at which the civil and military dignataries

defenders made a bayonet charge, dispers- Maximo Gomez camped with the centre ing the rebels completely, leaving seven. Insurgent army on Tuesday on the planta. The Cruiser Benjamin Constant Not Sent teen killed on the streets. Some horses tion of Morales, leaving early on Wednesand accountrements were captured. The day morning, and crossing the highway at killed and two civil guards badly wounded, last night's camp is unknown. Several from the Government at Rio Janeiro deny-At Matanzas the Spanish forces, follow. Spanish columns are in hot pursuit, bent on tween Brazil and Great Britain or being the Instructions of General Prats, fell an engagement at all hazards. Even Goon a rebel party, under Nunez and Vidai, mez's retreat to Matanzas province or his the Brazilian cruiser Benjamin Constant

to Sift the Matter.

sion will probably appoint a sub-commis-sion to go to South Africa to collect evi-dence and examine witnesses. . and refused to tell a word of the object. The Reichanzeiger announces that the

BRAZIL ALBION'S GOOD FRIEND

to Trinidad.

London, Jan. 23.-The Brazilian Legaanturing their camp and routing the advance to Piner del Rio, on the Batabano of Trinidad.

Clever Detective Work on the Recent Tappen Robbery.

London, Jan. 23.—The Morning Post will to-morrow say that the law officers of the Crown are unable to find an offence in the English law for which Dr. Jameson, the clination to become a member of the Police be either civilir or criminally tried. The law officers, the paper adds, have and is determined to work it out success. the houses of numerous Anarchist suspects

The woman's identity Chief Coulin care- archist Congress, which is set in this place The Post further says that the commis- coming out of Police Headquarters yes-

of her frequent trips to Headquarters.

Chief Conlin was all smiles when his visitor left yesterday, after a conference lasting over an hour. It was learned that she is working on the robbery at the house of Dr. Alfred A. Tappen, No. 346, West One Hundred and Twenty-third street, which occurred a few days ago. The Chief which occurred a few days ago. The Chief

CLEVELAND TO VETO ALL SILVER BILLS.

So the President Confided to an Eminent German Monometallist.

Dr. Barth Insists a Large Corruption Fund Has Been Raised in America.

It Will Be Used to Buy Votes in the Reichstag in Favor of Bimetallism.

WILL THE KAISER GET MORE SHIPS?

Representatives of Bavaria and Wurtemeburg in the Bundesrath Will Oppose an Increase in the Naval Appropriations, but the Colonial Society Favors It.

By Walter Jaeger,

Berlin, Jan. 24.—Despite the threats of Dr. Theodore Barth, it is not believed that . a duel will follow yesterday's wordy warfare between him and Herr Von Kardoeff. who called him an infamous liar during a debate on bimetallism.

I had an interview with Dr. Barth today. He repeated to me the accusation he made openly yesterday against the bis metallist agitators of Germany. He said that he had ample evidence to prove that the bimetallists of the United States had placed a corrupting fund in Berlin for the purpose of buying the votes of Reichstag members in their favor. He will reveal his information at the right time. Dr. Barth has made frequent visits to the United States of late, During his lates trip he had a long conference with M Cleveland on bimetallism.

President Cleveland assured he would veto any silver bills Congress might pass.

FOR AND AGAINST MORE SHIPT Will the German Government subt naval increase or will it a This is the question just

mentary circles. Notwithstanding the much reiterated official denials published yesterday, I am assured by an intimate friend of the Chancellor that the Bundesrath is considering the Kniser's Marin bill and that it will undoubtedly be introduced in the Reichstag

at an early date. But even in the Bundesrath the proposal meets with obstinate resistance. Its most energetic antagonists are the representatives from Bavaria and Wurtemburg, their constituents having always offered a solid Press and public in general, however,

continue their clamors for warships. The Colonial Society held a mass meeting here yesterday, which was generously attended and which sent a petition to the Government for unstinted naval appropria-

tions. A strange antithesis is discovered in the attitude of the two most prominent Bismarck organs. The Hamburger Nachrichten is strenuously opposed to the measure, while the Mueste Nachrichten takes a bold stand in its favor.

IMMORALITY ON THE STAGE.

In the Bavarian Landing an Interesting intermezzo occurred during the discussion of the bill on public morals. The Ultramontane Deputies Dr. Ortrer and Herr Pichler declared that the Munich theatres had reached the acme of immorality in their performances, They maintained that the brazen immoras the cleanest of German communities, could be directly traced to the fin de slecie absurdities which Munich theatrical man-France.

SAUER WILL JOIN AHLWARDT. Germany's "ex-rector" and most rabid male attendants went about in the mo- murderess, was found on the floor of the lacios they demoilshed the station, and at rebels. The Spanish had four killed; Lieu- line, are securely guarded. When Gomez control for the lacios they demoilshed the station, and at rebels. The Spanish had four killed; Lieu- line, are securely guarded. When Gomez control for the lacios they demoilshed the station, and at rebels. The Spanish had four killed; Lieu- line, are securely guarded. When Gomez control for the lacios they demoilshed the station, and at rebels. The Spanish had four killed; Lieu- line, are securely guarded. When Gomez control for the lacios they demoilshed the station, and at rebels. The Spanish had four killed; Lieu- line, are securely guarded. stage company's stables, running off with An Unknown Who Is Said to Be Doing Fatherland. The individual referred to is Herr Sauer, the editor of the Kurpfselzer Herold, who leaves behind him several hun-Chief Coulin is being ably assisted in run-dred mourning creditors. When these two ning down certain crooks by a tail, hand- noble souls join forces across the sea

FATHERLAND MISCELLANY. The police of Elberfeldt have searched The law officers, the paper adds, nave advised the Government to appoint a commission of judges, similar to the Parnell Commission, to inquire into the whole matically guards, and when she was approached for to-morrow, will not be permitted to con-

Emperor has appointed Prince Bismarck a e Knight of the Ordre Pour le Merite for Science and Art.

The Vienna furniture manufacturer, Joseph Janda, a man of International reputation and regarded as immensely wealthy, has committed suicide. It is believed, after a brief investigation of his affairs, that his assets, minus liabilities, leave his family penniless. His unhappy end is ascribed to gambling on the Bourse